

IT'S SPRING! — and the best holiday pictures are in the Mirror



Above, Yvonne Morgan, 13, from Bristol, wears her love for David on her face and her T-shirt. Right: Girls who queued to pay homage to their pop idol.

Pictures by PETER STONE.



Out . . . A casualty is carried away by an ambulance man.

FOR THE LOVE OF DARLING DAVID . . .



Down . . . A girl exhausted by the ordeal mops her brow.

By JOHN PENROSE
THOUSANDS of teenybopper girls went wild for the love of David Cassidy yesterday.
 And more than 100 of them were hurt.

Screaming fans tried to storm a concert by the American pop idol — four hours before it was due to start.
 Young schoolgirls were knocked to the ground, and trampled on after gates they were besieging gave way at the White City Stadium in West London.
 At least five girls were taken to hospital by ambu-

lance with suspected broken bones. Many more were treated for shock and hysteria at a St. John Ambulance Brigade casualty clearing station.
 The fans, with banners, flags, scarves and photos of the star, had ringed the stadium all day.
 Their mission: to catch a glimpse of Cassidy making his last live appearance on stage in London.
 Some girls had started queuing at 11 a.m. on Saturday. Police were on guard as the fans slept in the car park overnight.
 The stadium gates, scheduled to open two hours before the 8 p.m. concert, were unlocked at 4 p.m., by which time 10,000 fans had jammed pavements and roads outside.

Powerless
 Shortly before the turnstiles were unlocked, fans, who had all paid £2.20 a ticket, forced one set of gates apart.
 Police and security guards were powerless to stop the girls swarming in.
 St. John Ambulance Brigade area superintendent Jack Bowen, in charge of first-aid facilities, said: "Some of the girls who got trodden on had suspect fractures and had to be sent to hospital."
 He feared a repeat of scenes at Friday night's Cassidy concert in Glasgow, when 500 girls fainted and had to be carried out of the arena.
 Because of this, extra security men were employed last night. Their job — simply to lift unconscious girls out of the crowd.

